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1. In mid-October 1953, Soviet officials in Harbin required all White Russians there to complete a questionnaire giving name; age; address; family; birthplace; date of arrival in Harbin; and plans for leaving or remaining in Harbin. Persons who expressed a desire to leave Harbin were irrevocably dismissed from their employment and denied other employment. On approximately 25 October, Soviet officials in Harbin announced that the issuance of exit visas to White Russians in Harbin had been discontinued.
2. In early November Soviet officials in Harbin were denying exit visas to White Russians. Efroimski,¹ a member of the visa section of the Soviet Citizens Association in Harbin, denied exit visas to a group of about 10 White Russians. Exit visas were also denied in early November to a White Russian possessing a [] entry permit and an elderly White Russian who had initial clearance at Han Dao Hedzi (sic)², a railroad town near Harbin.
3. Prior to early November, the Soviet Union transferred complete jurisdiction over all the approximately 16,000 White Russians living in the Harbin area to the Chinese Communists. The Soviet Union instructed the Chinese Communists to consider the management of the White Russian community in Harbin as an exercise in the practical application of Soviet control methods.
4. The Chinese Communists and Soviets were sealing off the White Russian community in Harbin for probable use as a bargaining element in high level diplomatic negotiations []

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1. This is probably the L.B. Effroimski who was reported 
 as a local citizen of Harbin and manager of the Press Section
of the Soviet Citizens' Association.
2. Possibly Heng-tao-ho-tzu (N 44-49, E 129-04) is meant.

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